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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/909,580

Confirmation No. : 3035

Applicant : Nathan R. Brown

Filed : July 20, 2001

Attorney Docket No. : 500200.04

Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Alvin J. Grant

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES WITH A CARRIER AND MEMBRANE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application and herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a three-month extension of time for filing this response from December 11, 2003, to March 11, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1720, which includes \$950 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Submission previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 19, 2003.

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/10/04

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